

**REMARKS**

Applicants have canceled claims 3-21 of the European application to eliminate the multiple dependencies. Further, Applicants have amended the specification as noted.

Applicants respectfully request that this preliminary amendment be accepted and entered before examination of the present application on the merits.

Applicants believe no fee is due with the submission of this paper. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. 65765-0186, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,



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